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## COUNCIL WILL KEEP PASS SCHOOL BOARD ESTIMATES AT MEETING NEXT MONDAY

School Taxes, However, May Be Collected Separately In Order That People May Realize the Cost of Education—Ald. Watt Confident That Reduction Can Yet Be Made.

No rate for school taxes will be struck until the regular meeting of the city council Monday night, judging by the general opinion in aldermanic circles today. Surplus was expressed that the board of education had not made any reduction in the figures which the council refused to accept last Monday. While few of the aldermen were hopeful that the trustees would pare \$70,000 from their estimates, most of them expected that some reduction would be made.

As the board has shown no disposition to decrease its demands, it is quite possible that the council will strike a rate sufficient to raise the amount required and make no comment. They may more or less wash their hands of the matter, believing that the collection of the school taxes as a separate amount will sufficiently impress on the taxpayers just what amount they are paying for education and what for general purposes.

Ald. Watt still confident that the board will make some reduction," said Ald. P. A. Watt. "The council is not trying to hold them up or hamper education by not giving them sufficient funds. But they keep crowding the estimates up each year unreasonably. There are a number of things which never used to be considered necessary for education, but which we have to supply now, and these take a lot of money."

The statement about the council by members of the board was made by trustees who were not at the council meeting when the estimates were sent back. The trustees who were there was not a spirit of ill-feeling, but merely a desire to keep expenditures down to the lowest possible limit.

Ald. Cameron Wilson expressed the belief that the council would accept the estimates without further debate. The board prepared them, and if they did not see fit to reduce them, they would have to take the responsibility and not the council, which was powerless in the matter.

Ald. G. B. Drake also expressed the opinion that the school rate will be struck Monday without discussion.

## HEMP GROWN IN WEST



MR. E. F. HUTCHINGS, a prominent manufacturer and financier of Winnipeg, has been elected president, and Col. Wm. Grassie vice-president of the Canadian Fibre Products Company, which has been organized to engage in growing hemp and marketing hemp products. Special machinery has been secured to overcome labor problems. The illustration shows Mr. Hutchings holding a sample of hemp that was grown on his farm.

## DROPPING MAN IS NOT A GOOD RISK OF LOCAL INSURANCE MEN

Reported Statement by C. D. Finlayson Is Not Accepted Here As Correct—Preponderance of Statistics Are In Favor of Total Abstainer.

Although there is some difference of opinion where the line should be drawn, insurance men of this city are almost unanimous in the opinion that the man who does not drink lives longer and is a much better risk than a non-abstainer. They do not believe that C. D. Finlayson, Dominion superintendent of insurance, made the statements accredited to him in a dispatch emanating from Ottawa on Wednesday. In Canadian Press dispatch, Mr. Finlayson was quoted as saying that "insurance companies had found that the life of the abstainer was shorter than that of a non-abstainer."

"I know Mr. Finlayson well enough to know that he would not make such a statement," said E. S. Reid, general manager of the London Life, when interviewed today by The Advertiser. "He would back up any such claim in the opinion of our company a little liquor is bad, more is worse, and a lot is very bad. A man who has a record for drinking has a hard time to get a policy."

Cannot Believe Report. Charles E. German, district manager of the Mutual Life Assurance Company, said he "did not believe that Mr. Finlayson had made any such statement. He is a very honest man, but he is not a man who is a non-abstainer would live longer than a total abstainer."

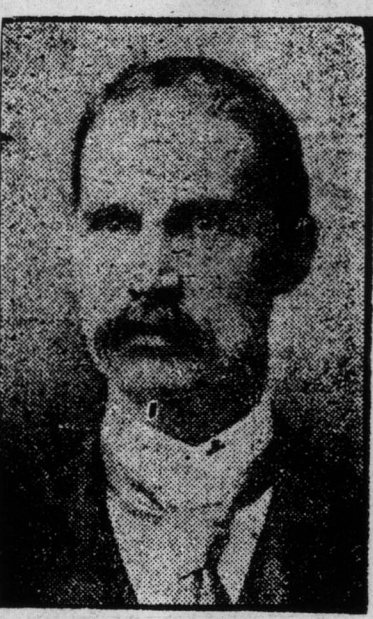
W. G. Fitzgerald, actuary for the Northern Life Company, said that the question of the longevity of a non-abstainer was a great extent one of individual opinion. He did not believe, however, that Mr. Finlayson made the remark reported.

"Statistics have been compiled supporting both sides of the question," he said. "There are those who have prepared figures proving that the non-abstainer lives as long, if not longer, than the abstainer, but the preponderance of statistics are in favor of the total abstainer. There is no doubt that the man who does not drink is a much better risk, although our company does not bar the drinker from becoming a member."

Mr. Fitzgerald said that while his company has a total policy for the abstainer there are others who have. He claimed that the Manufacturers' Life Company has the greatest number of other companies, however, had failed to establish the fact. This was, he said, a great deal of difficulty in separating the sheep from the goats.

## Andrew Bonar Law Is Compelled To Resign Owing to Ill Health; Lloyd George Deeply Affected

RESIGNS OWING TO ILL-HEALTH



ANDREW BONAR LAW.

## "GREEN ARMY" NOW TO FIGHT BOLSHEVIKI

London, March 17.—A green army is forming against the Russian Government, says a refugee who has just arrived in Riga from Petrograd, according to a dispatch to the London Times from Moscow. The first green army is being made up of deserting red soldiers and peasants. The first green army has formed a revolutionary committee. The refugee says the general opinion in Russia is that the revolution will succeed, but that it will require several months.

British Government Leader Warned by His Physician That Continuance of Public Duties Might Mean a Complete Breakdown—Had Been Absent From Commons For a Week—Was Reported That His Health Was Improving—Announcement Comes As Great Surprise.

London, March 17.—Andrew Bonar Law, lord of the privy seal, today resigned from the cabinet. Ill-health was given as the reason for his resignation. Mr. Law also retired from the Government leadership in the House of Commons.

The announcement of Mr. Bonar Law's retirement was made in the House of Commons by Mr. Lloyd George, who was so deeply affected that he could hardly finish his statement. The prime minister said he had received a letter from Mr. Bonar Law this morning, stating he had been warned by his physicians that if he continued he would run the danger of a complete breakdown.

Mr. Bonar Law had been absent from the House of Commons the whole of this week, but he was reported to be improving in health, and his resignation of the leadership of the House came as a complete surprise.

The strain of the last few years has been most heavy on me, and as you know well, for more than three years I have had the greatest difficulty in doing my work," Mr. Bonar Law declared. "Not I am worn out, and my medical advisers have warned me that my physical condition is such that, unless I have an immediate and long rest, an early and complete breakdown is inevitable."

The Right Hon. Andrew Bonar Law has been a leader in British politics, and since 1916 has been the Government leader in the House of Commons. He became lord of the privy seal in January, 1919.

Mr. Bonar Law was first elected to the House of Commons in 1906. He was a member of Mr. Lloyd George's war cabinet as chancellor of the exchequer from December, 1916, to December, 1918, and was one of the British delegates to the peace conference in Paris in 1919.

Born in New Brunswick in 1858, the son of Rev. James Law and Eliza A. K. Law, Mr. Bonar Law received his education in Canada, and in the Glasgow High School. He married Annie Pittcairn Robley of Glasgow in 1881. She died in 1909.

## REDS PLAN A NEW ATTACK ON KRONSTADT

Bolsheviki Reported To Be Making Extensive Preparations.

## ARTILLERY DUELS

Big Guns From Fortresses Engage in Heavy Bombardment.

KRONSTADT CAPTURED. Riga, March 17.—The Russian revolutionists here asserted today that the Bolsheviki captured Kronstadt from the revolutionists Wednesday night.

Copenhagen, March 17.—The Bolsheviki batteries on the Karelin headland opened a strong fire against Kronstadt yesterday, says the Helsingfors correspondent of the Berlingske Tidende today. The bombardment from Kronstadt caused four extensive fires along the coast towards Petrograd, the warships at Kronstadt participating in the bombardment, the correspondent adds. Finnish refugees from Systerbark report the Bolsheviki are making extensive preparations for a new attack on Kronstadt. It is said that the Bolsheviks have 4-inch and 6-inch guns being concentrated towards Systerbark and Petrograd.

Last night there was a violent artillery duel between the fortresses at Kronstadt, Krasnaya Gorka and Oranienbaum.

## LESS RESTRICTIONS ON ALLIED VISITORS TO FRENCH PLACES

Under New Plan Traveler's Card Is Good For Two Months.

Paris, March 17.—French regulations to facilitate visits of foreigners to France have been issued by the government. A distinction has been drawn between citizens of allied countries and former enemy nations in these regulations.

In the past, allied visitors remaining in France for two weeks have been compelled to take out identification cards at the prefecture of police. Under the new plan each card will be required only if the visitor intends to stay two months.

A French visa for the passports of allied visitors leaving a French port is no longer necessary.

## ANCIENT EGGS HURLED BY SINN FEIR SYMPATHIZERS FAIL TO STOP GIBBS FROM SPEAKING

Noted British War Correspondent Wins Many Friends by His Unruffled Attitude at Chicago Meeting When the Rowdy Element Tries to Break Up Gathering—Police Reserves Called In Eject Hecklers From Building.

Chicago, March 17.—Canadian Press.—Sir Philip Gibbs today found that he had won many new admirers in Chicago as a result of the calm, unruffled attitude he displayed during the attack of a number of Sinn Fein sympathizers to interfere with his lecture at Orchestra Hall last night. He remained good natured throughout the rather tempestuous evening, and even the hurling of a couple of ancient eggs from the gallery failed to shake his equanimity for more than a moment.

Before the arrival of police reinforcements last night, it looked for a time as though the Sinn Fein sympathizers might result in a serious disturbance, as a large part of the audience was indignant at the hecklers. Had it not been for Sir Philip's calm attitude the Sinn Fein sympathizers might have effected to rough treatment by the majority, who wished to hear what the lecturer had to say in this matter. He spoke in sympathy with him. "Drag them out of the hall as the small coterie in the gallery cheered for De Valera. 'Please don't say anything,' Don't say anything," said Sir Philip. "They're tired pretty soon."

Reporting Facts. Declaring his stand on the Irish question, Sir Philip said: "I am not anti-British or pro-British in this matter. I'm reporting facts as I find them, and my whole object, if I have any, is to bring about peace and understanding between the two countries."

When a Sinn Fein in the gallery threw a couple of eggs to the stage, though very poor aim, the audience went into an uproar. It was only at this point that Gibbs replied in kind to his interrupter.

"I want to tell you about a man who loved Ireland and devoted his whole life to it, John Redmond. 'Redmond's the same as the black and tan,' shouted someone. 'That is a lie,' Gibbs replied."

## ANCIENT EGGS ARE HURLED AT SPEAKER

Chicago, March 17.—Police reinforcements last night were called to Orchestra Hall to quell a tumultuous audience gathered to hear Sir Philip Gibbs, the English author and war correspondent, who spoke on the "Irish Question." A dozen hecklers, said to be Sinn Fein sympathizers from the gallery, were escorted to the street and allowed to go free.

The first heckler, and the most violent, had to be dragged from the seat by police officers, were a United States Army uniform, on which were war service stripes and two medals. "You disgrace your uniform. You honor man," shouted a fashionably-gowned woman, who in the excitement had left her box and rushed to the exit lobby.

The man started to answer, but a policeman muzzled his mouth with his hand. On the advice of a judge who had taken his seat to instruct the policemen to their duty under the law, the call for reinforcements went in.

Sir Philip is calm.

The heckling was from the gallery and the second balcony. Sir Philip took

## EASY FOR CRIMINALS TO SECURE EXPLOSIVES

Washington, March 17.—Withdrawal of supervision over the manufacture and sale of explosives in the United States by the repeal by Congress of war legislation, has made it easy for anarchists, safe blowers, and others, to obtain explosives for illegal purposes, said a statement issued today by the bureau of mines.

In urging legislation to control the handling as well as the manufacture and sale of explosives, the bureau asserted that the United States is practically the only civilized government in the world that fails to exercise a national supervision over explosives, and declared it is easier to obtain explosives in this country than in any other.

Large stores of explosives, the statement said, have been within the limits of cities and towns where an explosion could cause loss of life and property.

## AUSTRIA WILL BE PERMITTED TIME TO PAY

Four Allied Nations Agree to Postponement of a Settlement.

## AVERT STARVATION

Reply of Britain, France, Italy and Japan Is Prepared.

London, March 17.—The reply of Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan to the appeal of Austria for assistance has been prepared. The four countries agree to postpone payment of the sums to which they are entitled, under the treaty of Saint Germain, and also payment of the capital and interest on advances made to Austria since the armistice, in order to avert starvation in that country.

The financial committee of the league of nations will meet within a fortnight and will present to bankers for examination the proposals of the Austrian representatives here regarding the amount of loans required by Austria, the character of the securities available as a guarantee for loans and the services, the financial committee is in a position to offer in the negotiations.

## FINDS BROTHER DEAD IN RED

Charles Hilliker of Burgessville Expires in Woodstock.

## HARDING APPROVES ACTION OF OFFICIALS

Washington, March 17.—Action of army and navy officers in refusing to permit United States troops to participate in an evacuation day parade at Boston, of which Sinn Fein sympathizers are in charge, was formally approved today by President Harding after a conference with Secretary Hughes of the state department, and Secretary Weeks of the war department.

## INCOME TAX RETURNS MUST SOON BE MADE

Heavy Penalties For All Who Ignore Law.

Toronto, March 17.—Canadian Press.—Now is the time for all good Canadian men and women to see about their federal income tax, but there is no necessity, according to the inspectors of income taxation, to get panicky about it.

The big time to remember is that all company and employer's tax returns must be in by March 31, and all individual returns by April 30. Another important factor is that payment of at least 25 per cent of the tax payers be not unduly impressed and worried by stories and comic cuts depicting people going into hysterics while making up their federal tax returns. Canadian forms for the returns are not unduly intricate, they say. And the nearest inspector of taxation office will cheerfully assist the honest tax payer seeking information.

Generally speaking, single men and women who during 1920 had incomes of \$1,000 or over and married men or women with incomes of \$2,000 or over are subject to federal tax, and should make a return. There are various exemptions, information regarding which is obtainable at the inspectors' office.

Heavy penalties are provided for persons who ignore this law or make improper or incomplete returns.

## WOULD USE LETHAL GAS TO INFLECT DEATH PENALTY

Reno, March 17.—A measure providing that lethal gas be used for inflicting the death penalty, and that of special executioners be constructed at the prison in which to administer the gas was passed by the Senate yesterday and sent to Governor Boyd.

## CATTLE EMBARGO IS LIVE ISSUE IN GREAT BRITAIN

Lloyd George Is Placed in a Difficult Position.

London, March 17.—Canadian Associated Press.—The Morning Post declares that British agriculturists have nothing to fear and everything to gain from an impartial inquiry into the question of a cattle embargo on live cattle. Premier Lloyd George is in a difficult position in respect to the cattle issue, being committed to a certain degree by statements made by his colleagues, and being confronted by the fact that his minister of agriculture, Mr. Lloyd George, is not unimpressed by the fact that the whole of the agricultural industry of Britain is demanding resistance to the agitation for the removal of the embargo.

The Daily Chronicle remarks that the subject is one which deserves periodical examination. It adds that there is no doubt that certain Canadian interests in the more emphatic the same time the more scientific the British farmers are apt to be that the protection of their own industry is the paramount consideration.

## JAPANESE AMBASSADOR INTERVIEWS HARDING

Washington, March 17.—President Harding continued today his reception of foreign envoys, receiving Baron Shidehara, the Japanese ambassador at the White House. The discussion is understood to have been with several international subjects of mutual interest to the United States and Japan.

## THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Following are the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 6 o'clock last night: Highest, 55; lowest, 32.

Forecast. Tomorrow—Mostly cloudy, with some light rain or sleet tonight. Friday—Fair, with stationary or lower temperature.

Temperatures. The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Place	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	50	20	Clear
Calgary	40	20	Clear
Winnipeg	30	10	Clear
Port Arthur	30	8	Clear
Sault Ste. Marie	30	24	Snow
Parky Sound	34	28	Snow
Toronto	44	34	Fair
Kingston	42	30	Cloudy
Ottawa	42	30	Cloudy
Montreal	40	28	Fair
Quebec	40	30	Cloudy
St. John	38	28	Clear
Halifax	40	30	Cloudy

Minus below zero.

Weather Notes. The disturbance which was over the St. Lawrence Valley yesterday has moved out to the Atlantic, and the weather is fine in nearly all parts of the Dominion.

The temperature has moderated in Alberta and Southern Saskatchewan, but continues fairly low in Manitoba.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION REGRETS INABILITY TO COMPLY WITH WISHES OF COUNCIL

Official Statement Received by City Clerk Baker Today.

## DUTY TO THE CITIZENS

To Keep Teaching Staff and Equipment Up to the Mark.

Below is a copy of a letter sent today to the City Clerk Baker, conveying to the city council the decision of the board of education at its special meeting yesterday night, in which it was decided that the board would not make the reduction in its estimates which the council asked for. The letter states clearly the position of the board.

March 17, 1921.

S. Baker, Esq., City Clerk, London: Dear Sir—I have been instructed by the board of education to inform you that the board has decided to request of No. 1 committee of the city council to reduce its estimates by two (2) mills.

Knowing the necessity of a lower tax rate, the various committees of the board, at their first draft, had reduced their estimates to the lowest possible point, but the high maintenance of efficiency; indeed, parsimony had been practiced in every department.

The board realizes that its duty to the citizens in general, and to the pupils in particular, is to secure and maintain an efficient teaching staff, and an equipment which will produce best results.

A sincere effort has been made to meet the council's request, but the board regrets its inability to comply with the request of its finance committee.

I am, therefore, returning the estimate of \$741,815.18, for representation to the council.

I am returning also the board's request for a 10-year debenture issue of \$2,765,000.

Yours very truly,

W. A. TANNER, Secretary Board of Education.

## DENIES RAILWAYMEN ARE BEING OVERPAID

A. R. Mosher Declares High Wages Not To Blame for Companies' Shortages.

Ottawa, March 17.—"Untrue and absolutely absurd," are some of the emphatic terms used in a lengthy statement issued by Mr. A. R. Mosher, grand president of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, last night in reply to assertions made during the past few days that the embarrassing financial position of several railroads, notably the Canadian Government Railways, is due to the increased wages paid railroad employees.

## Blondes Barred From Jury; Says They Are Fickle

New York, March 17.—A mixed jury composed of men and women yesterday heard arguments in a damage suit growing out of a clothing deal.

In judging that both sexes participate, Judge William Morris of the municipal court said: "There will be no blondes on this jury. Blondes are fickle."

## POLISH-RUSSIAN PACT TO BE SIGNED FRIDAY

Warsaw, March 17.—Polish, Ukrainian and Russian delegates will sign the treaty between Soviet Russia and Poland at 7 o'clock Friday evening. It is officially announced here. Negotiations on the treaty which will establish peace between Russia and this country have been completed at Riga, where the ceremony of signing will take place.

## BRITAIN WOULD GLADLY DISCUSS DISARMAMENT

First Lord of the Admiralty Gives Views On the Question.

London, March 16.—Baron Lee of Fareham, first lord of the admiralty, discussing naval matters at a meeting of naval architects here today, referred to the question of disarmament. He said the only question was who would initiate the discussion, but on this point the British Government would not stand on ceremony. The Government, he declared, would not let the hint thrown out by President Harding in his inaugural address and that it would meet with cordial and helpful response here.

"I can only say," Baron Lee added, "that if an invitation comes from Washington I am prepared to put aside all other business in order to take part in a business that which there can be nothing more pressing in the affairs of this world."

Baron Lee said he had agreed with Mr. Denby, the United States secretary of the navy that Great Britain and the United States could control the seas. "But," he added, "the question is whether we have the right of direction with regard to our navies when consulting each other. In that respect I think this Government has a clear record. In the present estimates we have set an example of reduction and taken risks and are prepared to go far in a mutual agreement."

"It is not enough to talk about blood being thicker than water. What the hint is the plain horse sense characteristic of both countries. From my long knowledge of the United States I have a profound belief in the business of talking and appealing to the square deal. I hold strongly that we are not engaged in a game of bluff, but that we ought to lay our cards on the table."

## Don't Be Late With Solution

Advertiser puzzle contestants are given final warning that their solutions and subscriptions must be mailed not later than Saturday, March 19. So long as your letter shows the postmark of March 19 it is not late, even though it is not received until the 22nd or 23rd.

If for any reason you think you have not given the correct solution, it will be worth your while to send in another solution, accompanied by a subscription payment of from \$2.75 to \$10, either to apply as a further extension on your own subscription, or for someone else. Every dollar received in this contest is returned to the subscriber in the form of a subscription, so that a person is not risking anything financially by taking every possible chance to insure having the best possible solution.

If any contestant has not yet sent in any new subscriptions, it will be worth your while to send in at least one or two, or, if possible, four, as these will be worth \$25 each to you, if you win one of the first five prizes. It is the spirit of the contest to win as much as you can. If you are in the contest, don't do things by halves—make every possible effort to win the money offered.

All contestants who have already sent in their solutions will be well advised to send a final check of their work and leave nothing in doubt. A contestant may send in as many solutions as he likes, so long as he is accompanied by a subscription payment. Every dollar amount is entered with the solution that accompanies it. All contestants are especially warned to send their remittances in the form of a money order or postal note as far as possible.